

Eligible HOPWA activities to prevent homelessness.

This chart is intended to help clarify how HOPWA eligible housing activities can be used to help households achieve more stable housing arrangements. Rows 1-7 are eligible housing activities under HOPWA-funded programs. Short-term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Payments to prevent homelessness of eligible persons is listed in column A, and other related HOPWA eligible activities in columns B-E, as found at 24 CFR 574.300(b).

Eligible HOPWA Activity (right) and Type of Benefit (below)	A. Short-term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Payments	B. Tenant-based Rental Assistance	C. Housing Information Services	D. Permanent Housing (PH) Placement as a Supportive Service	E. Housing Case Management as a Supportive Service
1. Rent payments (for eligible households with a lease)	Yes, if within 21 week limit	Yes, if done with inspections for Housing Quality Standards and with resident rent payments	No	No	No
2. Mortgage payments (but not down-payment support for new units)	Yes, if within 21 week limit (for costs within the mortgage agreement)	No	No, but can be related support through information on homeownership programs	No	No
3. First months rent and security deposits; credit checks	No	No	No	Yes, for reasonable costs to move persons to permanent housing, not to exceed 2 months of rent costs, including security deposits and fees for credit checks	No
4. Utility payments (gas, electric, water and sewer <i>etc.</i>)	Yes, if within 21 week limit	Yes, if part of the rental assistance fees	No	Yes, but only for one-time utility hookup and processing costs	No
5. Information and/or support to locate and apply for housing assistance	No	No	Yes, for costs for providing information and materials that inform clients of available housing	Yes, as support and help to complete PH applications, and eligibility screenings for tenancy or utilities for these units	Yes, such as counseling and help to develop a housing service plan to establish stable permanent housing
6. Move-in support, such as supplies, furnishings, incidental costs, and minor repairs of housing units	No	No	No	No, however programs may coordinate with leveraged resources and donations for these purposes	No
7. Other elements*	No	No	No	Life skills and housing counseling on unit cleaning, maintenance and household budgeting	Help to access other benefits, such as health-care and other supportive services

NOTES: STRMU projects should consider how to access other housing, as needed, including permanent housing programs, to assess on-going needs and to establish a housing and service plan for the assisted household. STRMU costs are housing costs and do not include personal items such as grooming, clothing, furnishings, supplies, care for pets, financial assistance, consumer credit payments, entertainment activities, vehicle maintenance and repairs, and other non-housing-related costs. See additional HOPWA standards at 24 CFR Part 574. (edit of 5/3/06)